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REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are responsive to the points raised in the

May 9, 2005 final Office Action. Upon entry of the above amendments, Claims 13-16 will have

been canceled and Claims 17-22 will be pending. No new matter has been introduced. No new

issues have been raised that require further search or consideration. Reconsideration is

respectfully requested.

Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 13-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US

Patent 5,157,497 to Topper et al. (Topper). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 13-16 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, in the interests of

expediting the prosecution of this application. Applicant, however, reserves the right to file a

continuing application.

According, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

Allowed Claims

Claims 17-22 have been allowed by the Examiner and, upon entry of this Amendment

and Request for Reconsideration (37 CFR § 1.116), will be the only claims pending in this

application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant Respectfully submits that this application in condition for allowance and a

notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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AUTHORIZATIONS

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4633US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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